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EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations on the Executive Calendar: Nos. 26 and 27. I further ask unanimous consent that the nominations be confirmed, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then return to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations considered and confirmed are as follows:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Janet L. Yellen, of California, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers.

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Aida Alvarez, of New York, to be Administrator of the Small Business Administration.

NOMINATION OF JANET YELLEN

Mr. D'AMATO. Mr. President, I urge the Senate to approve Dr. Janet Yellen, the distinguished nominee, for the position of the Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers. The nomination was approved by the Banking Committee by a vote of 17-0.

Dr. Yellen last appeared before the Senate nearly 3 years ago when she was nominated and confirmed to serve on the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. While on the board of governors, Dr. Yellen focused on the important issues of consumer credit and small business lending and provided useful congressional testimony on these topics.

Prior to her tenure at the Federal Reserve Board, Dr. Yellen was the Bernard T. Rocca Jr. Professor of International Business and Trade at the Haas School of Business of the University of California at Berkeley where she taught since 1980. Dr. Yellen has also served as a senior adviser to the Brookings Panel on Economic Activity and as a member of the Economics Panel of the Congressional Budget Office.

Dr. Yellen has written on a wide variety of macroeconomic issues, including the causes and implications of unemployment. She is also a recognized scholar in international economics, recently focusing on the trade balance and reforms in Eastern Europe.

Dr. Yellen has distinguished herself in academia and at the Federal Reserve. She will bring to this position competence and a record of excellence. I believe the administration and the Congress will both benefit from her wise counsel.

I am pleased to support this nomination.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will return to legislative session.

MEASURE INDEFINITELY POSTPONED

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Senate Resolution 52 be indefinitely postponed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO REPORT

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that committees have from the hours of 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesday, February 18, to file any legislative or executive matters.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE VICE PRESIDENT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276h-276k, as amended, appoints the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] as vice chairman of the Senate delegation to the Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group during the 105th Congress.

The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to the provision of Public Law 99-661, appoints the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation, vice the former Senator from Georgia, Mr. Nunn.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 96-388, as amended by Public Law 97-84, appoints the following Senators to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council: The Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER], vice the former Senator from Rhode Island, Mr. Pell, and the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG].

The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 96-388, as amended by Public Law 97-84, reappoints the following Senators to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council: The Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH], the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY], and the Senator from Alaska [Mr. MURKOWSKI].

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1997

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate adjourns under the provisions of House Concurrent Resolution 21

until the hour of 11:30 a.m. on Monday, February 24, that immediately following the prayer, Senator FRIST be recognized to read George Washington's Farewell Address, under a previous order.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. COVERDELL. I further ask that following the address, the various routine requests through the morning hour be granted and the Senate then proceed to a period of morning business until the hour of 1:30 p.m., with the time equally divided between the two leaders or their designees.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, at 1:30 p.m., the Senate will begin 2 hours of consideration on House Joint Resolution 36, dealing with the U.N. population measure. At 3:30 p.m., the Senate will resume consideration of the balanced budget constitutional amendment and the Byrd amendment for 2 hours of debate. At 5:30 p.m., the Senate will conduct a rollcall vote with respect to the Byrd amendment, and immediately following that 5:30 Monday vote, the Senate will begin debate on the Reid Social Security amendment.

Under a previous order, a rollcall vote will occur at 2:15 p.m. on Tuesday on passage of the U.N. population measure, and a second vote will occur at 6 p.m. on Tuesday with respect to the Reid Social Security amendment.

Also, at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, the Senate will conduct a rollcall vote with respect to the Feinstein amendment.

Therefore, Members should be aware of the 5:30 p.m. Monday vote and the two votes on Tuesday and the early Wednesday vote.

I thank all Members in advance for their continued cooperation.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 11:30 A.M., MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1997

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask that the Senate stand in adjournment under the provisions of House Concurrent Resolution 21 until 11:30 a.m. on Monday, February 24.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:11 p.m., adjourned until Monday, February 24, 1997, at 11:30 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate February 13, 1997:

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE U.S. AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE SECTION 601: